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Subject: Corruption in Pipeline Regulations Threatening Climate



Building People Power for Climate & Energy Justice

"The buildout of pipelines is a true climate disaster."

See the great article below by the Center for Public Integrity on corruption at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that leads to rubber-stamping of requests for unneeded natural gas pipelines including the Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

The article is somewhat of a breakthrough, especially since it quotes Dr. Robert Howarth on the methane and climate connection.

The reporting was done in collaboration with NPR, which posted the full article on its [website](#). Unfortunately, the 4-minute summary that ran on *Morning Edition* failed to mention the methane-climate connection at all and referred to natural gas a "cheaper, cleaner" fuel.

The article reinforces our [call for a statewide ban on the import and use of fracked gas](#). Act now to join our Emergency Methane Action campaign:

1. Contact Governor Roy Cooper and urge him to provide national leadership by banning the use of fracked gas in NC: 20301 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-0301, contactgov@nc.gov, 919-814-2000.
2. Get your organization, business, faith leader or public official to [sign the Emergency Methane Action resolution to Governor Cooper](#).
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Natural gas building boom fuels climate worries, enrages landowners

By Kristen Lombardi and Jamie Smith Hopkins
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They landed, one after another, in 2015: plans for nearly a dozen interstate pipelines to move natural gas beneath rivers, mountains and people's yards. Like spokes on a wheel, they'd spread from Appalachia to markets in every direction.

Together these new and expanded pipelines — comprising 2,500 miles of steel in all — would double the amount of gas that could flow out of Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. The cheap fuel will benefit consumers and manufacturers, the developers promise.

But some scientists warn that the rush to more fully tap the rich Marcellus and Utica shales is bad for a dangerously warming planet, extending the country's fossil-fuel habit by half a century. Industry consultants say there isn't even enough demand in the United States for all the gas that would come from this boost in production.

And yet, five of the 11 pipelines already have been approved. The rest await a decision from a federal regulator that almost never says no.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is charged with making sure new gas pipelines are in the public interest and have minimal impact. This is no small matter. Companies given certificates to build by FERC gain a powerful tool: eminent domain, enabling them to proceed whether affected landowners cooperate or not.

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